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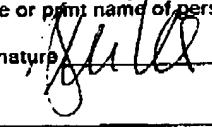
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Enclosed for consideration and entry on the record in connection with the above application are: this cover page, a copy of Preliminary Amendment filed on August 20, 2002, a Priority Map and Specification Information.

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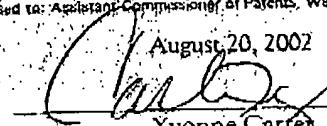
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to substantive examination of the above captioned patent application, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered.

In the specification:

Please insert the following new paragraph at page 1, line 2:

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This application is a continuation of, and claims priority under 35 USC §120 to, US Application 09/665350 filed 9/18/2000, which is a continuation of, and claims priority under 35 USC §120 to, PCT Application PCT/US00/04414 filed 2/22/2000, which is a continuation-in-part of, and claims priority under 35 USC §120 to, PCT Application PCT/US99/30095 filed 12/16/1999, which claims priority under 35 USC §119 to US Provisional Application 60/113296 filed 12/22/1998, where PCT/US99/30095 is a continuation-in-part of, and claims priority under 35 USC §120 to, PCT Application PCT/US98/19330

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